

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeff Essmann, on January 26, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Chair Essmann
Rep. Jacobson
Rep. Z. Brown
Rep. Ehli
Rep. Kipp III
Rep. B. Smith

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 226, 1/20/2017

00:00:48 Chair Essmann resumed the chair
00:00:50 Rep. Z. Brown and Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting

HEARING ON HB 226

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:43 Rep. Zac Perry (D), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 226, Increase property tax abatement for new or expanding industry.

Proponents:

00:02:57 Ken Fichtler, Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED)

00:04:47 Mike Kadas, Director, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

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00:06:45 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:07:51 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:08:39 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

00:11:06 Rep. Kipp III joined the meeting

00:11:57 Neal Blossom, American Chemet Corporation

00:13:03 K.C. Walsh, Simms Fishing Products

00:14:37 Webb Brown, Montana Manufacturing Association

00:15:12 Rep. B. Smith joined the meeting

Opponents:

00:16:29 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:17 Rep. A. Hertz

00:17:53 Rep. Z. Perry

00:18:20 Doug Roehm, Montana Department of Revenue

00:19:08 Rep. Beard

00:19:46 Rep. Z. Perry

00:19:51 Rep. Dunwell

00:23:51 Mike Kadas, DOR

00:24:22 Rep. Fern

00:24:56 Ken Fichtler, GOED

00:25:25 Rep. G. Hertz

00:25:46 Rep. Flynn

00:26:50 Mike Kadas, DOR

00:27:20 Chair Essmann

00:29:00 Bridger Mahlum, MCC

00:29:39 Chair Essmann

00:30:36 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:32:19 Chair Essmann

00:33:24 Mike Kadas, DOR

00:34:25 Rep. Beard

00:35:20 Mike Kadas, DOR

00:35:28 Rep. Fern
00:36:05 Mike Kadas, DOR
00:37:13 Rep. Jacobson
00:37:48 Mike Kadas, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:09 Rep. Z. Perry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:45:58

Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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